

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SHB 1893

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As of March 8, 2017

**Title:** An act relating to the use of credit cards for purchases of spirits and wine by a purchaser licensed to sell spirits and/or wine for consumption on the licensed premises.

**Brief Description:** Concerning the use of credit cards for purchases of spirits and wine by a purchaser licensed to sell spirits and/or wine for consumption on the licensed premises.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Commerce & Gaming (originally sponsored by Representatives Vick, Kirby, Dolan, Doglio, Haler and McDonald).

**Brief History:** Passed House: 3/02/17, 98-0.

**Committee Activity:** Commerce, Labor & Sports:

### Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes a licensed distributor of spirits and/or wine to impose a credit card fee on a purchaser licensed to sell spirits and/or wine for on-premises consumption.
- Requires that the credit card fee be limited to the actual amount of the fee charged by the credit card issuer for the transaction.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, LABOR & SPORTS

**Staff:** Richard Rodger (786-7461)

**Background:** Checks, credit or debit cards, prepaid accounts, electronic fund transfers, and other similar methods approved by the Liquor and Cannabis Board may be used as cash payment with respect to transactions among liquor retailers, manufacturers, importers, or distributors. Electronic fund transfers must be voluntary, conducted pursuant to a written agreement, initiated no later than the first business day following delivery, and completed as promptly as is reasonably practical, but no later than five business days following delivery.

**Summary of Bill:** Licensed distributors of spirits and/or wine are authorized to impose a credit card fee on a purchaser licensed to sell spirits and/or wine for on-premises consumption provided:

- the decision to make payment by credit card is voluntary;

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- the credit card fee is explicitly disclosed as a separate line item on the distributor's invoice; and
- the dollar amount of the fee is the same as the actual fee charged by the credit card issuer for the transaction.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.